

Principles and Practice of Hydrotherapy for Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By George Knapp Abbott, A.B., M.D. Second Edition Revised and Enlarged with 128 Illustrations. The College Press, Loma Linda, Cal. 1914. Price: Cloth, \$4.00; Leather, \$4.75.

A painstaking compilation of the theories and practices of hydrotherapy. As the author himself states, no claim is made to originality. Much of the theoretical discussion is of facts fairly obvious, but the book is to be commended in using many of the exact quantitative methods and graphic representations of modern physiology. One of the opening sentences contains the gist of the whole book: "Hydrotherapy consists chiefly in the application of heat and cold to the body by means of water." The wisdom of some of the procedures advocated may be questioned, e. g. the use of friction with the cold mitten in pericarditis. On the whole the explanations of technic are clear and the book should be useful. H. S. F.

Disease and Its Cause. By W. T. Councilman, A.M., M.D., LL.D. Published by Henry Holt & Co., N. Y. 1913.

This little book, which is one of the volumes of the Home Library, serves admirably the purpose for which it was intended. To the lay reader it gives a clear, concise account of the most common and important causes of disease, written in an interesting style. It should clear up in the layman's mind many false and popular notions about disease, and should make him appreciate more the difficulties which medicine in the past has overcome. It describes, in an interesting manner, the past achievements of medicine and indicates some of those it may hope to accomplish in the future.

To the beginning student of medicine and to the nurse it will prove a book of considerable value as an introduction to the general subject of medicine, to the physician as a stimulus to look up original sources. Dr. Councilman, by reason of his broad views on the science and philosophy of life under normal and abnormal conditions, is admirably suited to the presentation of this subject and has achieved his task. R. H. M.

Blood Pressure in General Practice. By Percival Nicholson, M.D. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London. Price \$1.50.

Dr. Nicholson's book is a concise and practical treatise for the general practitioner. After briefly reviewing the history and methods of obtaining blood pressure and a comparison of the different forms of apparatus, including his own, he goes into detail about the importance of blood pressure in the different diseases, which, for easy reference, are arranged alphabetically. He includes chapters on the significance of blood pressure in surgery, anesthesia, and life insurance examinations. The work is carefully indexed and ends with a bibliography. He eliminates the purely theoretical side of the subject, as his object is to make his work "aid the general practitioner to a better understanding of the methods of determining the principles and some of the practical applications of blood pressure determinations." The information he has given in this praiseworthy small volume would take a long time to acquire by reading the general literature on the subject. E. H. W.

The Clinics of John B. Murphy, M.D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Volume III, Number II. Octavo of 213 pages, 55 illustrations. Philadelphia and London; W. B. Saunders Company,

1914. Published Bi-Monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$8.00; Cloth, \$12.00. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

Contents—Murphy's Clinical Talks on Surgical and General Diagnosis. The Examination and Analysis of Cases. Empyema. Abderhalden Test in Tubal Pregnancy. Three Cases of Ectopic Testis—Cholelithiasis: Pericholecystitis; Stones in Cystic Duct; Cholecystectomy. Acute Pancreatic Cyst. Duodenal Ulcer; Extensive Adhesions; Dilated Stomach; Gastro-enterostomy. Description of Dr. Murphy's Button Operation. Goitre—A Talk on the Embryology, Anatomy and Physiology of the Thyroid. Tuberculosis of Kidney: Nephrectomy. Vesical Papillomata. Amputation Neuroma with Ascending Neuritis; Division of Right Half of Cauda. Neuroma of the Ulnar Nerve, Result of Cicatricial Compression Following Unrecognized Fracture. Neuroma of Ulnar Nerve, the Result of Trauma Incident to Fracture at Elbow. Internal Hemorrhoids with Severe Bleeding at Stool, the Result of a Small Slit in a Hemorrhoidal Vein.

A Text-Book of the Practice of Medicine. By James M. Anders, M.D., Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Medicine and Clinical Medicine, Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. Eleventh Edition Thoroughly Revised. Octavo of 1335 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Cloth, \$5.50 net; Half Morocco, \$7.00 net.

The standard character of this work, which is now in its eleventh edition, is generally well-known and most of us, I think, still feel the necessity of facility for ready reference which an up-to-date, single volume on the practice of medicine affords us at those times when it is more convenient not to consult one of the standard systems. In addition to the substantial subject-matter of former editions, much has been introduced to modernize the book as far as possible. Numerous new signs and tests, some of which, in the light of further advance, are becoming valueless, are mentioned, and, on the other hand, much that is permanent regarding the heart, parathyroids and other organs has been wisely added. In the way of therapeutics the newer uses for benzol, urotropine, sodium cacodylate, salvarsan and the Lambert treatment for morphinism may be mentioned. An important omission, however, is the work of Rowntree and Geharty on phenolsulphonephthalein and of the recent discoveries regarding the etiology of poliomyelitis, rabies, pertussis, etc. On page 492 arsenic should be mentioned as one of the causes of bronzing, although it appears on page 1281. However, for a single volume one may well be satisfied with its contents, and as a text-book this work must be regarded as being highly efficient. H. F. A.

A System of Surgery. Edited by C. C. Choyce; Pathological Editor, J. Martin Beattie. In three volumes. Volume III. New York, Funk & Wagnalls Company. 1914. (Obtainable at The Emporium.)

Now that the third and concluding volume of this most admirable work is at hand, the reviewer can only emphasize the enthusiastic praise with which he greeted the two preceding volumes. As a complete compendium of modern surgery and surgical treatment, considered from the rational basis of surgical pathology, it fulfills every demand that any text-book can supply. This system, though contributed to by many writers, makes pathology first, last and all the time the keynote of its theme. Therefore its value will not be transient or merely for the present moment, but it will remain for